

We claim:

1. A process for improving the hand of elastic fabrics comprising the steps of:

5        contacting a surface of an elastic fabric with a microfinishing film to abrade the fibers on at least one surface of the fabric.

2. A process according to Claim 1, wherein said elastic fabric comprises an elastic knit fabric.

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3. A process according to Claim 2, wherein said elastic fabric comprises a warp knit fabric.

15        4. A process according to Claim 1, wherein said step of contacting comprises contacting the surface of the elastic knit fabric with at least one roller having at least a portion of its surface covered with a microfinishing film.

20        5. A process according to Claim 1, wherein said step of contacting comprises contacting the surface of the elastic fabric with a microfinishing film having a grade of between about 10 and about 40 microns.

25        6. A process according to Claim 1, wherein said elastic fabric comprises spandex fibers.

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~~7. A fabric made according to the process of Claim 1.~~

~~8. A sanded elastic fabric having a hairiness value of less than about 0.1 across its width when measured with a Hairiness~~

5 Tester.

9. A sanded elastic fabric according to Claim 8, wherein said fabric comprises a knit elastic fabric.

10. A sanded elastic fabric according to Claim 9, wherein said fabric comprises a warp knit fabric.

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